

WE ARE THE HOUSE OF GOD

Ephesians 2:13-20

Matthew 7:24-27

1 Timothy 3:14-15

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- What is a foundation? Why is a strong, firm foundation important?
- What rules have you found most helpful for living well in community?

You may have heard it said that the church is the “house of God.” While true, this typically refers to the church building. When the Bible calls the Church “the household of God,” it refers to the body of believers, not a building at all. Join us as we explore the fundamentals of a well-built house and unpack two important lessons it offers for our faith, both as individuals and as a community of believers.

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Reflection

- What is the condition of your spiritual foundation?
- In segment 2, hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee discuss Jesus’ teaching about the wise and foolish builders in Matthew 7. Scott observes that the wise builder was not spared the storms, but with the strong foundation he had built, his house was better prepared to survive the storms. Can you think of a person who survived a stormy time in life because of their faith? What made their faith notable to you during that time?
- What has the concept of family taught you about your relationship with God and with fellow believers?

Related Passages

- **Romans 16:3-5**
- **1 Corinthians 16:19-20**
- **Colossians 4:15**
- **Colossians 3:18-25**
- **Matthew 25:31-46**
- **1 Peter 4:7-17**

Conclusion

A well-built house has a strong foundation and can weather storms. Likewise, when our faith is built on the strong foundation of Jesus Christ and God's Word, we too can weather the storms of life both individually and as the Church. Furthermore, we are God's household, and just as any group of people living life together in community needs rules to guide behavior, so they can live well together, the Apostle Paul gives us the rules for God's household. These rules are not meant to restrict us, but rather, to aid us as we live our faith well together in God-honoring ways. As you reflect on these two lessons a well-built house offers our faith, consider this prayer:

Jesus, you are the Cornerstone. Make your Word a firm and immovable presence in my mind and heart. Send your Spirit to reinforce the foundations of my faith. Help me to see my fellow believers with your eyes. Open my eyes to the ways I can show love to all people, just as I desire to show my love to you. Amen.

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